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SUBJECT: PROPOSED UN STRATEGY AND RESTRUCTURING OF UNC

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1. FONMIN CALLED IN AMBASSADOR MAY 30 TO CONVEY
WRITTEN ROKG RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS ON UN STRATEGY
AND RESTRUCTURING OF UNC. (REFS A AND B). ROKG
POSITION PAPER BEING CABLED SEPTTEL.

2. ESSENCE OF PAPER AND FONMIN'S VERBAL PRESENTATION
IS THAT ROKG AGREES TO US PROPOSAL ON SENDING LETTER
TO SECURITY COUNCIL AND AGREES TO LETTER'S CONTENT
AS OUTLINED REF A. ROKG ALSO CONCURS IN
DESIRABILITY OF TAKING STEPS TO LOWER UNC PUBLIC PROFILE
ALTHOUGHIT MAKES NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS OF ITS OWN.

3. WITH REGARD TO RESTRUCTURING UNC, ROKG POSITION
REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THAT OUTLINED IN ROKG NOTE
OF MAY 1, 1974. ROKG READY TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE ON PLANNING FOR COMBINED COMMAND.
FONMIN NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE ROKG
WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT A

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COMBINED COMMAND MIGHT BE INSTITUTED EVEN IF THE

COMMUNIST SIDE REFUSED TO AGREE TO EFFECTIVE POST-UNC CONTINUATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. FONMIN FORESAW, HE SAID, A COMBINED COMMAND FOR COMMAND OF ROK/US FORCES, WHILE A SMALL UNC WAS CONFINED WHOLLY TO DUTIES NOW PERFORMED BY UNCMAC. FONMIN SAID SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE WAY OF UNDERLINING SEPARATION BETWEEN UNC AND US PRESENCE. FONMIN STRESSED REPEATEDLY HOWEVER, THAT ROKG NOT INSISTING ON SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AT THIS TIME BUT ONLY THAT ROOM BE LEFT OPEN FOR ITS POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION. WRITTEN PRESENTATION DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY RAISE THIS POSSIBILITY, STATING ONLY THAT "IT IS HOPED THAT A FURTHER CONSULTATION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE TIMING OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE COMBINED COMMAND."

4. ROKG PAPER GOES ON TO URGE EARLY CONSULTATIONS WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF ACCOMPANYING DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION IF POSSIBLE BY END OF JUNE.

5. PAPER ENDS WITH ASSERTION OF DOUBT THAT THESE STEPS CAN PREVENT ADOPTION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND CALLS FOR CONSULTATIONS "IN DUE COURSE" ON STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT BOTH FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS ARE PASSED.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION THAT WE CAN OPEN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG ON COMBINED COMMAND AND ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

IN MEANTIME, WE WILL BE PREPARING MESSAGE WITH EMBASSY/UNC PROPOSALS ON LOWERING OF UNC PUBLIC PROFILE.
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